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TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJECT: GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT,
OCTOBER 29-30.

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SUMMARY: CTD FELT IT PREMATURE TAKE DECISIONS ON ANY SPECIFIC
ROLE FOR ITSELF IN MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS BUT AGREED
A) TO AVOID ANY NEGOTIATING ROLE FOR ITSELF AND B) TO AVOID
ACTIVITIES WHICH OVERLAP WITH TNC. CTD AGREED TO SUSPEND
ACTIVITIES OF GROUP OF THREE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF
PARA 1 OF TOKYO DECLARATION TO WELCOME NON-GATT MEMBERS
TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FUTURE CTD WORK RELATED TO MTN. END
SUMMARY.

1. GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, MEETING
OCTOBER 29-30, DECIDED GROUP OF THREE SHOULD REMAIN ALIVE
BUT DORMANT WITH ITS ACTIVITIES IN A MORIBUND STATE BUT AVAILABLE
FOR REANIMATION AS NEEDED AT LATER STAGE. CHAIRMAN OF GROUP
OF THREE (PATEL) PROPOSED GROUP NOT UNDERTAKE ANY SPECIFIC WORK
PROGRAM AND GO INTO INDEFINITE RECESS FOR NOW BUT CONTINUE TO
EXIST. THIS SUPPORTED BY NIGERIA, INDONESIA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND,
U.S. AND NORWAY. U.S. REP (GLITMAN), IN SUPPORTING GENERAL LDC
WISH THAT GROUP GO INTO RECESS, SAID EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH MANY OF
PROBLEMS ADDRESSED BY GROUP WOULD NOT BE HELD IN ABEYANCE BUT
WOULD RATHER BE HANDLED IN CONTEXT OF TNC. EC REP (LUYTEN) AS
WELL AS ISRAEL AND YUGOSLAVIA PLACED GREATER EMPHASIS ON CONTINUING
GROUP BUT ACQUIESCED IN "TEMPORARY" RECESS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN'S POSING QUESTION OF FUTURE ROLE OF
CTD IN MTN, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT CTD DOES NOT
AND SHOULD NOT HAVE NEGOTIATING ROLE. SEVERAL DELS, NOTABLY BRAZIL,
INDONESIA, SWITZERLAND, CAUTIONED AGAINST ANY OVERLAPPING OF
FUNCTIONS WITH TNC ITSELF. NIGERIA, AUSTRIA, AND MEXICO (AN
INVITEE TO CTD) PUSHED FOR STRONGER BUT UNDEFINED ROLE OF
COMMITTEE IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. SWITZERLAND, ROMANIA
REMINDS COMMITTEE OF "UNANIMOUS" MOOD IN TNC LAST WEEK
THAT LDC INTERESTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN ALL TNC COMMITTEES.
BRAZIL DEL STATED DIFFICULTY OF DEFINING CTD ROLE IN TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS AND SAID ANY MOVE TO DO SO NOW WOULD BE PREMATURE.
THIS SUPPORTED BY INDONESIA, SWITZERLAND, NORWAY, U.S., AND
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CANADA. JAPANESE DEL CONCURRED VIA CAUTIONING AGAINST EARLY
TAMPERING WITH TOKYO DECLARATION AND BY SAYING THAT CTD CAN
FOLLOW ITS OWN WORK SEPARATELY. U.S. REP ENTERED DISCUSSION BY
WAY OF SUPPORTING ALREADY STATED LDC SENTIMENT OF BRAZIL,
INDONESIA IN APPEAL TO AVOID PREMATURE DECISIONS ON WORK
PROGRAM AND ANY OVERLAPPING WITH TNC. ALSO STATED MAIN
OBJECTIVE IS TO SEE THAT MTN'S ARE SUCCESSFUL, INCLUDING
CONSIDERATION OF LDC CONCERNS, AND NOT TO DISSIPATE ACTIVITY

ELSEWHERE. CHAIRMAN (BATISTA) SUMMARIZED COMMITTEE'S VIEW THAT NO ROLE SHOULD BE DEFINED NOW AND THAT CTD SHOULD AVOID OVERLAPPING WITH TNC.

3. NIGERIAN DEL ASKED THAT CTD BE OPEN TO NON-GATT MEMBERS, AND THIS SUPPORTED BY MEXICO, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA. JAPANESE AND U.S. DELS POINTED OUT TNC ALREADY THUS OPENED, BUT COMMITTEE DECIDED WELCOME NON-MEMBERS. DURING DISCUSSION OF REPORT U.S. DEL SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING SUPPORT FOR MORE PRECISE LANGUAGE CLEARLY LIMITING ANY SUCH PARTICIPATION TO ACCORD WITH TERMS OF TOKYO DECLARATION.

4. NIGERIA DEL ALSO PROPOSED THAT UNCTAD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CTD. U.S. REP NOTED QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN MTN ALREADY DECIDED AND CAUTIONED AGAINST DUPLICATION IN ROLES OF UNCTAD AND CTD. CHAIRMAN THEN STATED THIS WAS NOT MATTER FOR DECISION BUT WOULD RECORD THE REQUEST IN COMMITTEE'S REPORT. BASSIN

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